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What is your aviation dream?

My wife and I are planning a Cruise tour of Alaska. It is one of those trips where you spend several days being rushed around the high tourist areas of Alaska before getting on a ship and sailing along the coast from the Anchorage area to Vancouver, British Columbia. However, one of the things I am looking forward to is stopping at several locations that offer great flying opportunities. Some offer flying amongst the mountains while others offer flights over glaciers or into secluded pristine lakes.

What a dream come true for me. The last time I was in Alaska I hoped to get an opportunity to fly in a small Bush plane. All my chances just slipped away even though I tried real hard to get a flight. Now, I know that I will most likely not get to pilot one of the bush planes, but just the experience of being in one is enough for me. The only times I flew in Alaska was going over it at 37,000 feet, which is not a good way to see the sights. In fact, one flight took me over the northern boundary of Alaska into the Beaufort Sea on my way to the Arctic Ocean. Let me tell you, there is nothing out there.

It seems that no matter what I have done in aviation, there is always something else I feel I need to do or at least dream of doing. Now, that may sound strange for a person who has flown a B-52 in the Grand Canyon twice, flown over most of the world's oceans, many of the northern seas, the Mediterranean, Europe, and parts of the orient. But, even after doing all that in the military there was a lot of civilian flying left to do. For example, I had not flown a tail dragger, hence I bought a Flybaby (Ok, it wasn't only because it was a tail dragger). I had not flown in an ultra light, so off to Desota Iowa to fly one or two.

Your opportunity to do "that thing" may slip away if you wait for the kids to get older, the car to get paid off or for the "right time" (whatever that means). An example of opportunity lost was the chance to pilot the B-17 Aluminum Overcast. Years ago you were allowed to pilot the B-17 when you flew in it. It may have only been for 10 minutes or so, but at least you got to do it. You had an experience that only a few people flying today can relate to. Today all you get to do is fly in it. Granted, it is still a great experience that provides a life long memory, but not as good as piloting the B-17.

Maybe your dream is owning a plane. Well, your dream could come true if you don't mind sharing ownership of one. Partial ownership is a growing option for more people as the cost of flying continues to increase. This may be the path you have to take until sole ownership comes your way. (See the ad on page 2 for a 1/3 ownership in a 1956 Cessna 172)

I recommend that you not be shy about asking someone else to help you fulfill that dream. I always wanted to fly in an open cockpit plane. So, when Mark Smith bought a Stearman, I asked him for a ride. He was happy to do it and I received another aviation memory.

My point is - what are you waiting for? Is there something you have a desire to do? If you have a dream, this winter may be a good time to put together the plan that gets it done.

Meeting Time & Location.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Monday, November 14th at the main hangar of Hangar One at Millard airport, Omaha, NE. The airport is located on South 132nd between Q and Harrison. Come and have fun!

November Program.

Our program is Mariano Rosales, who will be doing a presentation on aviation photography. This comes at a good time since he has just finished a photo shoot with airshow performers Mike Goulian and Patty Wagstaff. Imagine, fresh photos and great stories to share. He is planning a 20-30 minute presentation showing photo samples, sharing experiences, and discussing tips and tricks on how to safely get quality air-to-air photographs of your airplane.

Visit Mariano's website at <http://www.12oclocklevel.com> for a sample of his work.

NOTE: Plan on bringing your own chair - ours are still at the Wahoo Hangar. Of course, we may have some new ones, but it does not hurt to be prepared.

However, in the event we have not purchased new chairs, does anyone have or know of any good deals on 60 folding chairs.

Chapter elections: November is the time for elections. It won't be hard since all board members have decided to continue with the exception of our secretary Kevin Faris. However, we do have a volunteer for secretary - Scott Laughlin. Of course, if you want to run for an office you are welcome to do so. Just let us know.

Special thanks:

I would like to pass along our thanks to Kevin Faris for his work over the past three years as our secretary.

I would also like to pass along thanks to Steve and Linda Bennett for starting our current chapter website in March of 2003 and for maintaining it for the past 32 months.

Talking about our website, Scott Laughlin has taken over as our website manager. He is in the process of making some changes. Visit the site to see the changes.

Chapter 80 Flight Rally. The weather conditions were poor for the flight rally which limited the participation to 4 teams. As poor as the weather was at sign up time it got a little worse so only 3 teams flew the rally. John Lindhom and Linda Roberts won the contest with 16 out of 20 correct answers. They also had the best estimate of their total flight time, missing their estimated time by only 28 seconds. Congratulations to John and Linda. Upon winning the \$40 pot they promptly invested it in a new membership to EAA Chapter 80.

The weather was fine for eating chili. We had about a half dozen pots of chili and 25 people showed up to eat it along with sweets for dessert.

Thanks to all who helped organize and run the event. Mike Howard.

Young Eagles: Jim Ratte has received requests for some flights and is looking to have a rally on Nov 19th at Millard starting at 0930. He currently has 5 pilots but can always use more. Let's get out and show support for our last rally of the year. This may be your last chance to get your 10 flights for the year.

Special Night: Our next meeting will be a steak dinner at the Millard American Legion Hall on Monday December 12th. This is the night to bring your spouse to thank her/him for letting you spend all that time on your second love in life, whether it be building or flying. It starts at 6:30 pm. and only cost \$10 per person. An added benefit is that our guest speaker will be Shane Osborn. His presentation will not be political even though he is running for State Treasurer. I believe he will talk about an experience with an experimental aircraft. Contact Dale McClure ASAP if you plan on going.



EVENTS: Nov 8th - FAA Aviation Safety Meeting, Nebraska Humane Society, Omaha, NE. 7:00-9:30 pm.

A Big Congratulations to Charley Daubs, Harlon Hain and Vince Robertson for their recognition as "Master Airmen" by the FAA for over 50 years of flying. Ask to see the special lapel pin given them as part of the FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot" Award program. I just realized that they all soloed before I was born. See the October 2005 Plane Talk.

SATELLITE PROCESSING OF ELT SIGNALS ON 121.5 MHZ TO END IN 2009

The FAA issued a notam (<http://www.faa.gov/NTAP/NTAP05AUG4/gen05004.htm>) announcing plans to end satellite processing of emergency locator transmitter (ELT) distress signals broadcast over 121.5 MHz and 243 MHz on February 1, 2009. This comes at the request of the Cospas-Sarsat program, an international search and rescue program that uses satellite-aided tracking, and is part of a transition to 406-MHz ELTs whose signals provide more information with greater accuracy than the current ELTs. These new units could cost about \$1,000, with installation adding more to the cost. ELTs that transmit over 121.5 MHz will still satisfy FAA requirements and be legal after the transition date, but they will provide limited assistance in the event of an accident because a satellite will no longer receive their signals. They will still be monitored by the FAA and Department of Defense from the ground. The new 406-MHz ELTs use digital technology to transmit information specific to you and your aircraft, including your GPS coordinates and personal contact information.

Note: New Lincoln FSDO website

http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/field_offices/fsdo/lnk

For Sale: Chapter 80 shirts—\$10 and hats—\$7.

Stits Sky coupe side-by-side with stick project. 90hp Franklin with 50hrs. Needs wing rebuilt, prop, windshield, interior and cowling. Stored 3-4 years. \$5800. Contact Dick Baber 712-322-8074 or 402-697-5160 or dickbaber@att.net

1/3 Share of a **1956 Cessna 172**, 6200 total time. Engine 600 Hr. since complete/major overhaul. Hangared at MLE (Millard) Presently insured for flight training. Contact Tom Wieduwilt (TW) -- 734-6580 or 305-2303 cell.

Cont 0200A out of C150, Overhaul 9-19-79, Tach time: 3780, 1244 Hrs. on eng. Complete engine...everything there. Call: Jan Daniels Home: 402-493-0789 (try 1st) or Cell: 402-670-2375.

EAA Chapter 80 October 2005 Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by President Ward Combs at the Hangar One facility at the Millard airport at 7:00 PM. There were forty-three members and four guests present.

A motion was made and approved to accept the September 12 minutes.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Rob Hansen reports an income was \$93.00, expenses were \$384.78, the ending balance was \$1,835.74

Cessna 120/140 Owners Fly-in: President Ward Combs thanked all of the chapter members that not only prepared a meal for the pilots, but then moved it to the North Omaha airport due to IFR weather conditions.

Young Eagles: None

Builders Reports: Scott Laughlin reported on the condition of his CH-601XL project.

Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor: Mike Howard reports he has copies of the Sport Pilot regulations.

Bob Harvey is giving away free copies of G.A. News.

Flight Rally / Chili Feed: Mike Howard explained his October 22 "flight rally" at Wahoo airport. There will be 21 questions to be answered as you fly a course of 153 statute miles. The cost is \$10.00 per aircraft. We will meet at 09:00 and familiarize ourselves with the course. Aircraft will begin leaving at 10:00 with the fastest leaving first.

The chili feed begins after the rally with the chapter providing drinks, bowls, and spoons. Please bring chili or deserts and come on out to Wahoo.

Librarian report: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- We are searching for the Chapter 80 flag if anyone knows of it's location.
- Dale McClure made a motion to hold the December meeting at the American Legion Hall in Millard near 140th and old L Street. This would be a dinner meeting with wives, and significant others welcome. The motion was seconded and passed.
- The election of officers is coming up with all officers willing to run again except Secretary Kevin Faris. Kevin is close to finishing his RV-7 and will be busy with his project next year.
- There was a discussion of the need for tables and chairs so we do not have to continue moving them between Wahoo and Millard. A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$200.00 for up to sixty used chairs.
- Member Tom "T.W." Wieduwilt would like someone to take over as refreshment coordinator.
- President Ward Combs read a letter from the Great Plains wing of the CAF thanking Chapter 80 for our support. They reported over 1000 people attended their recent event.
- There was discussion of a couple of people interested in leasing the Wahoo Hangar. It was reported there are currently two aircraft in the hangar. Mike Howard is in charge of lease documents and process.

Program:

Member Mike Howard presented a video slide-show and narration on a trip he made this year to Seattle via Leadville Colorado in his RV-6. Mike discussed all the details including operations from Leadville, the highest elevation airport in the United States.

The meeting adjourned at 20:38.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Faris, Secretary

Strategic Air & Space museum: "Wright Brothers: The Birth of Aviation" exhibit at the opens November 12th. They will have a replica of the 1903 Wright Flyer and two flight simulators Go and try your hand at it.

Chapter Hangar Space for Rent: We have space at the Wahoo Hanger. This is a great opportunity to hangar your plane or project for only \$60 per month. Contact any Chapter Officer for more info.

ATTENTION, PIPER OWNERS AND PILOTS! (From AVWEB)

The **Piper Flyer Association (PFA)** provides parts locating, tech support, a monthly member magazine, online forums, national and regional events, annual convention, seminars, and more. With a one-year membership for \$39, access the needed information to expand your knowledge and get more enjoyment from owning and flying your Piper aircraft. Join the Piper Flyer Association (PFA) as they build the ultimate Piper association. The PFA is located on the Waupaca Municipal Airport in Wisconsin, just 35 miles NW of Oshkosh. For more information (and to request a sample copy of the magazine), go to <http://www.avweb.com/sponsors/pfa/avflash>.



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Pictures For November 2005



View of the Wahoo Hangar at the start of the Flight Rally on October 22nd.
Weather was the toughest competition that day.
Photo by Bill Stromenger from his Cessna 182 Skylane